U. S. MARINE CORPS ORGANIZATION

EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE STAFF PLANNING

Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific

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LECTURE OUTLINE

- Describe the major components of the USMC.
- Identify the Marine Corps Operating Forces.
- Describe a Marine Division.
- Describe a Marine Aircraft Wing.
- Describe a Force Service Support Group.
- Define a Marine Air-Ground Task Force.
- Explain Elements of a MAGTF.
- Describe the Composition of a MEF, MEB, and a MEU.

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NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947

Marine Corps was tasked with providing rapidly deployable amphibious forces, for contingency operations in support of national security.

"The mere association of the word 'Marine’ with 'Crisis' is an automatic source of encouragement and confidence everywhere."

General Lejeune

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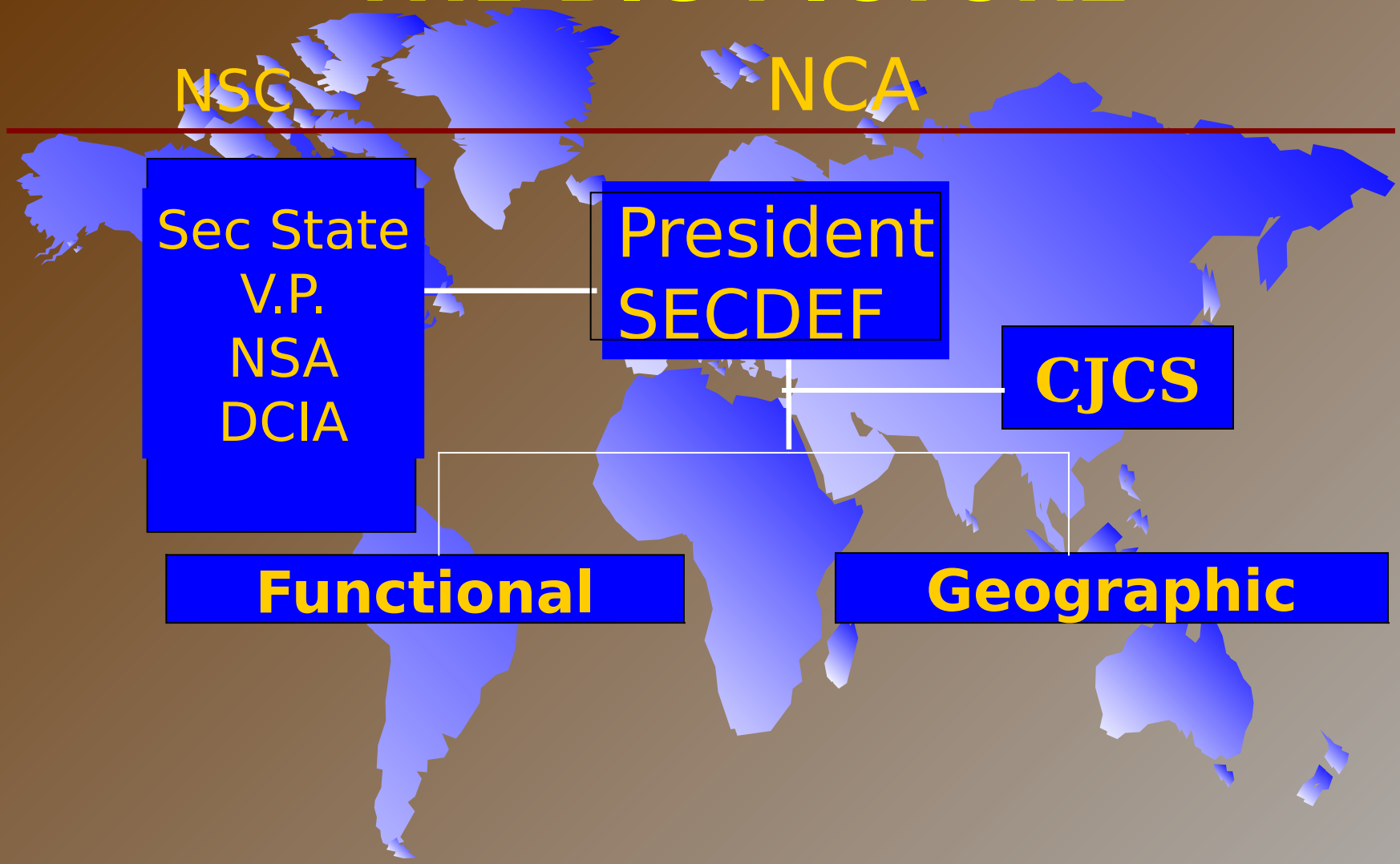

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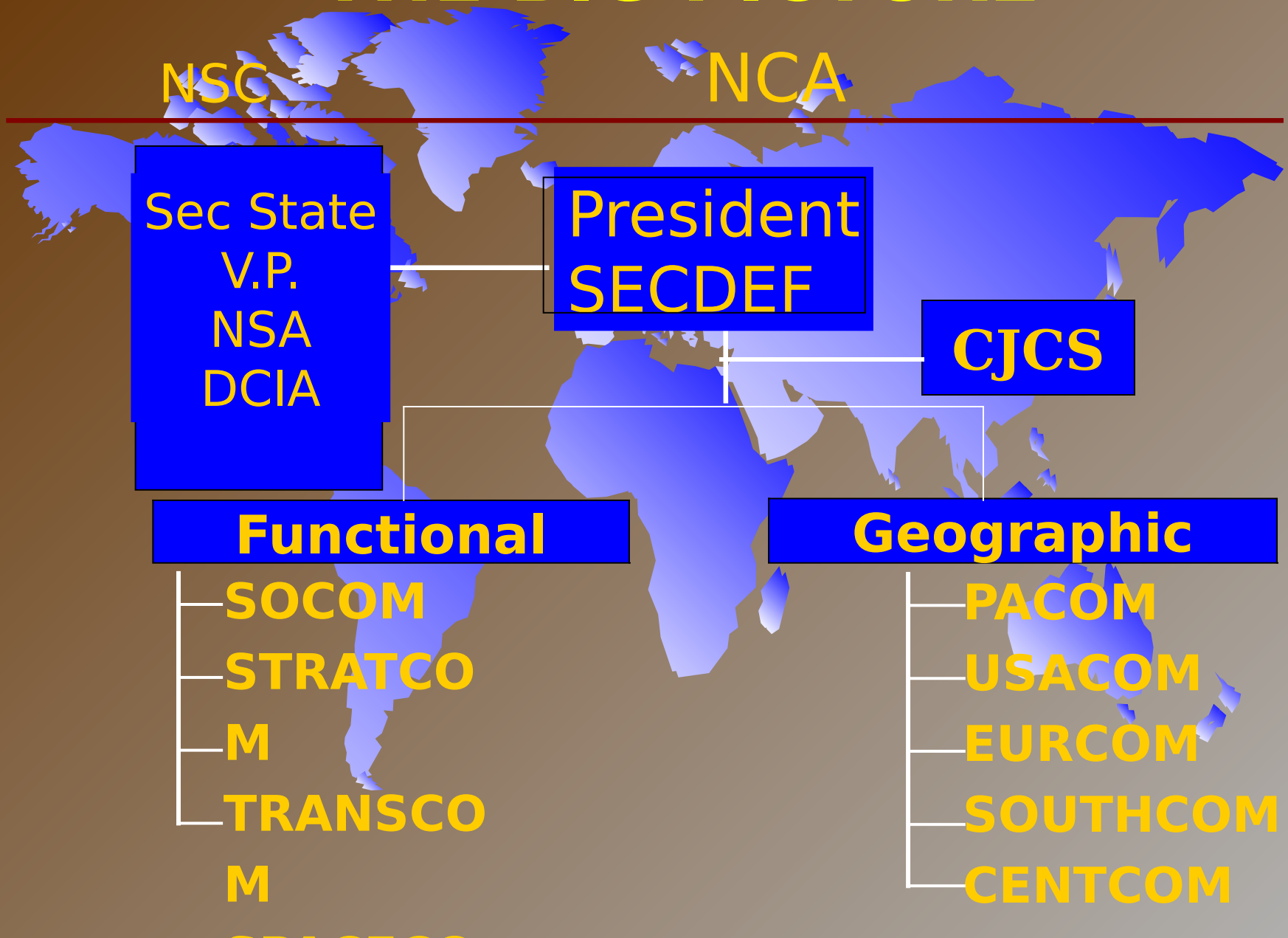

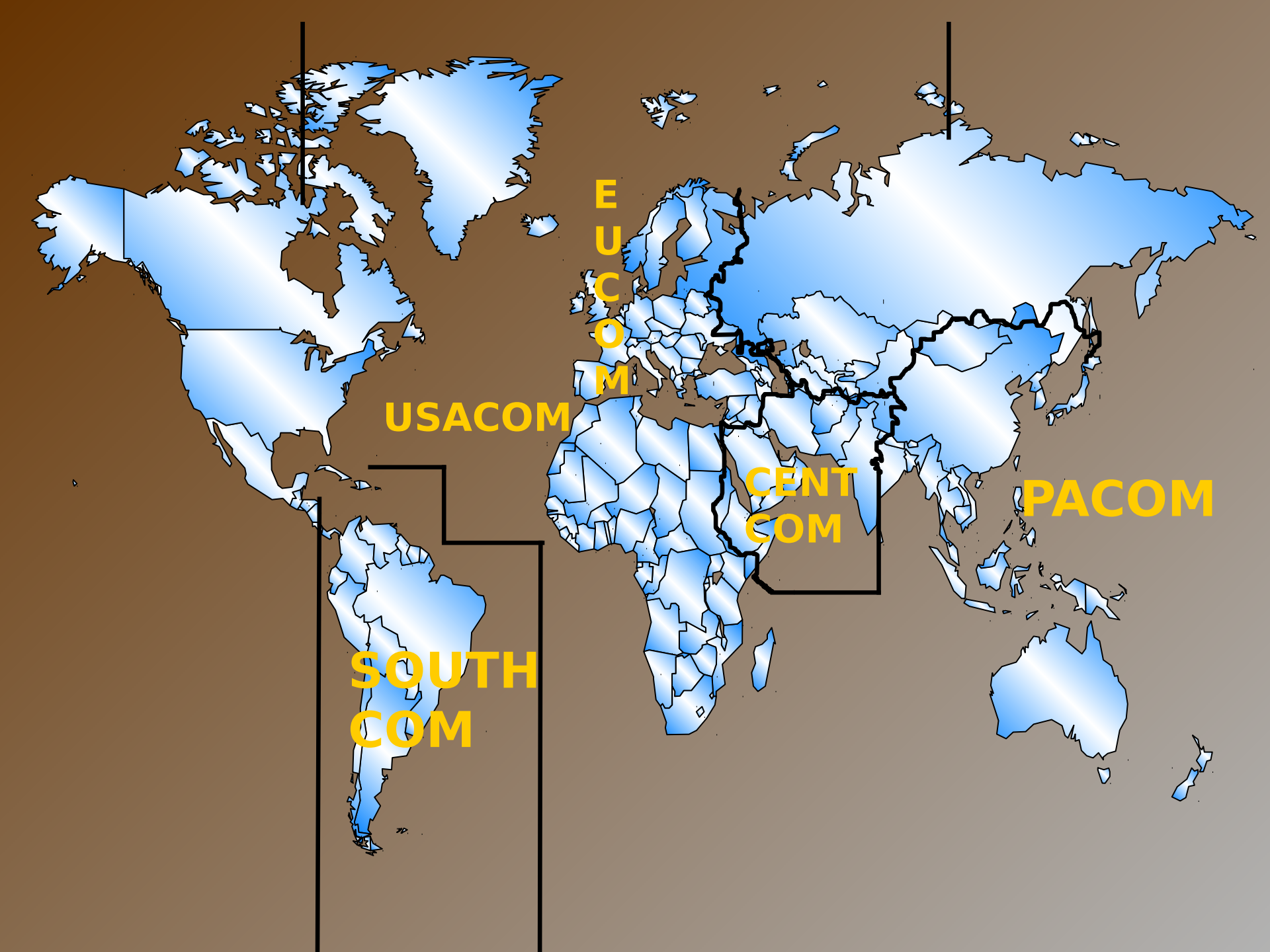
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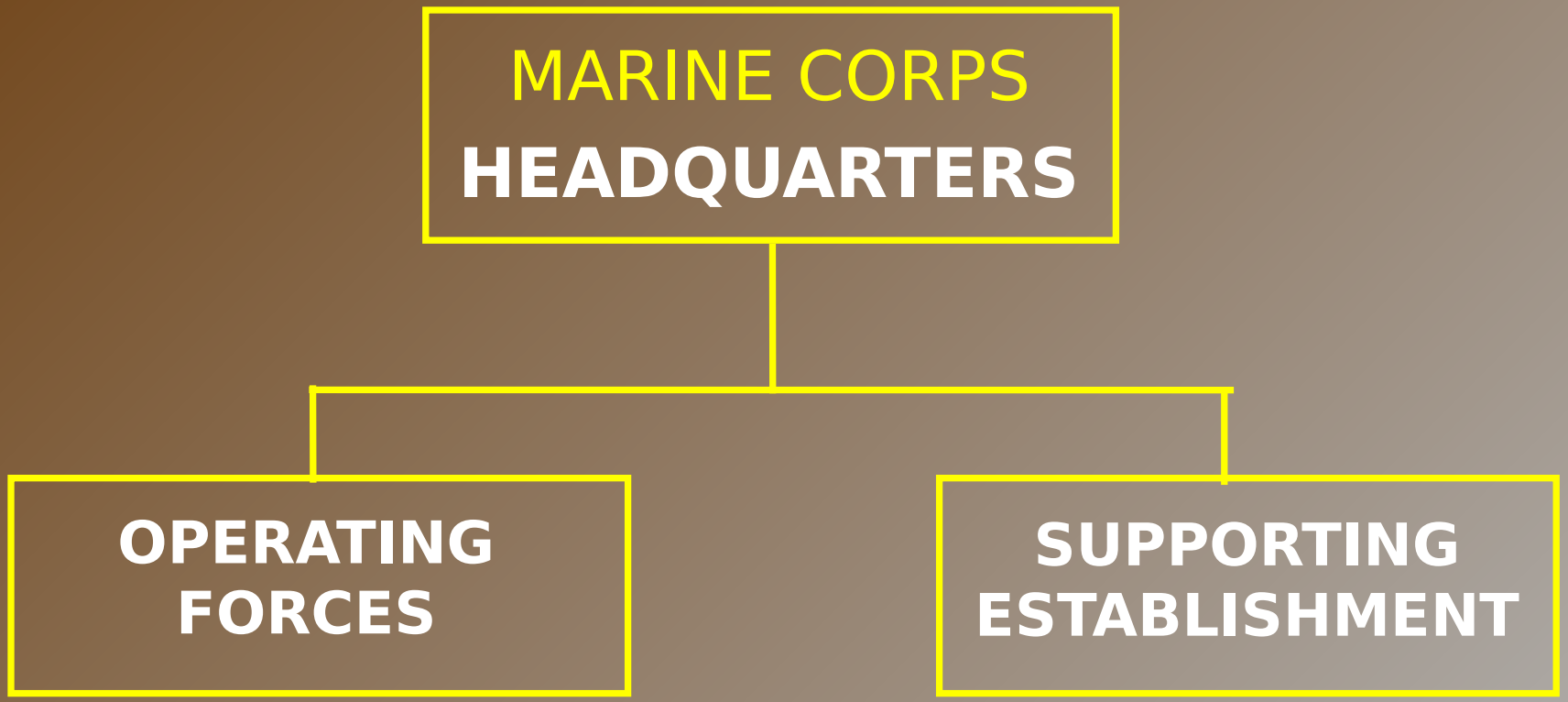
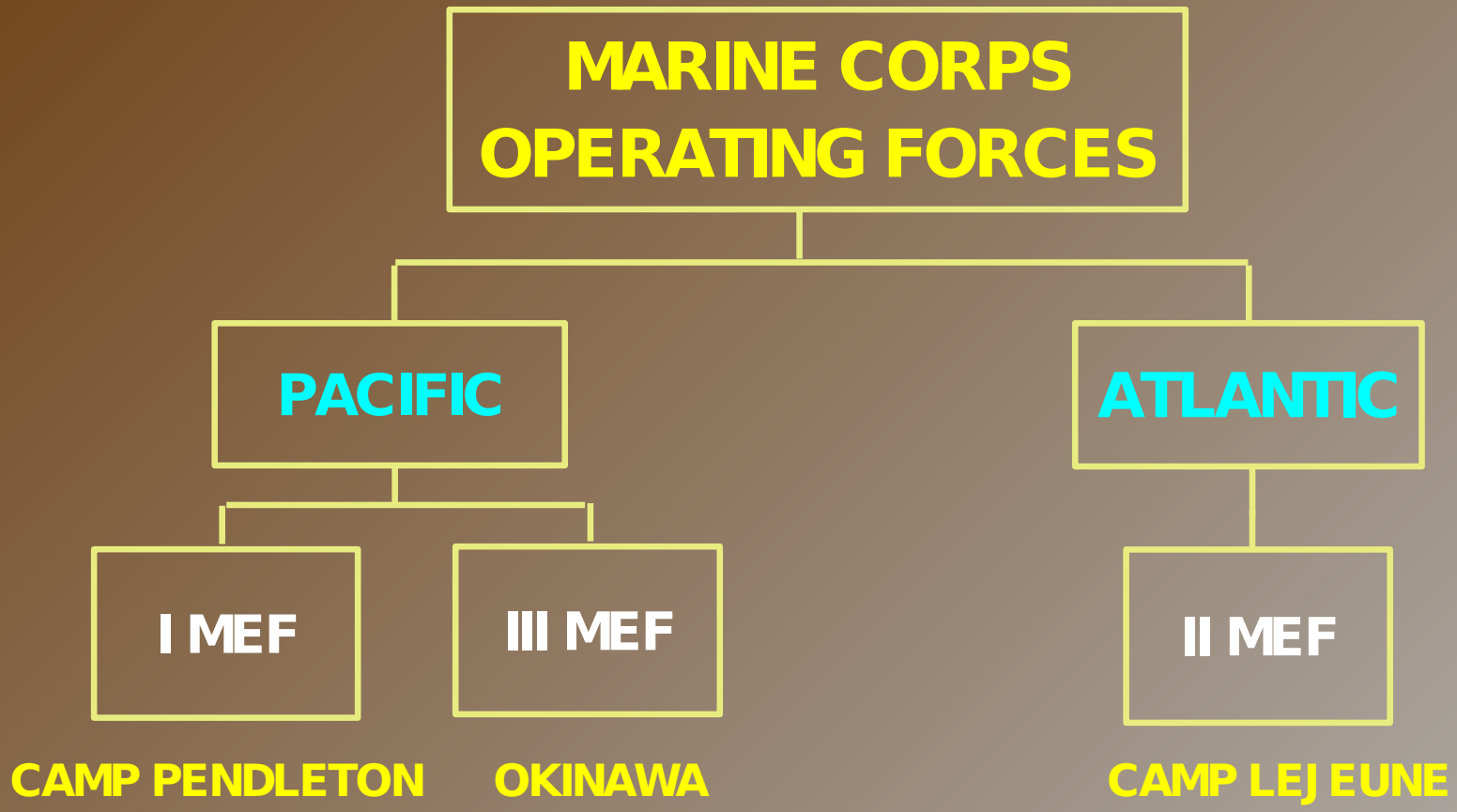


MARINE CORPS SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT

- Marine Corps Bases (MCB)
- Marine Corps Air Stations (MCAS)
- Marine Corps Recruit Depots (MCRD)
- Administrative Commands
- Training Commands

MARINE CORPS
OPERATING FORCES

MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES



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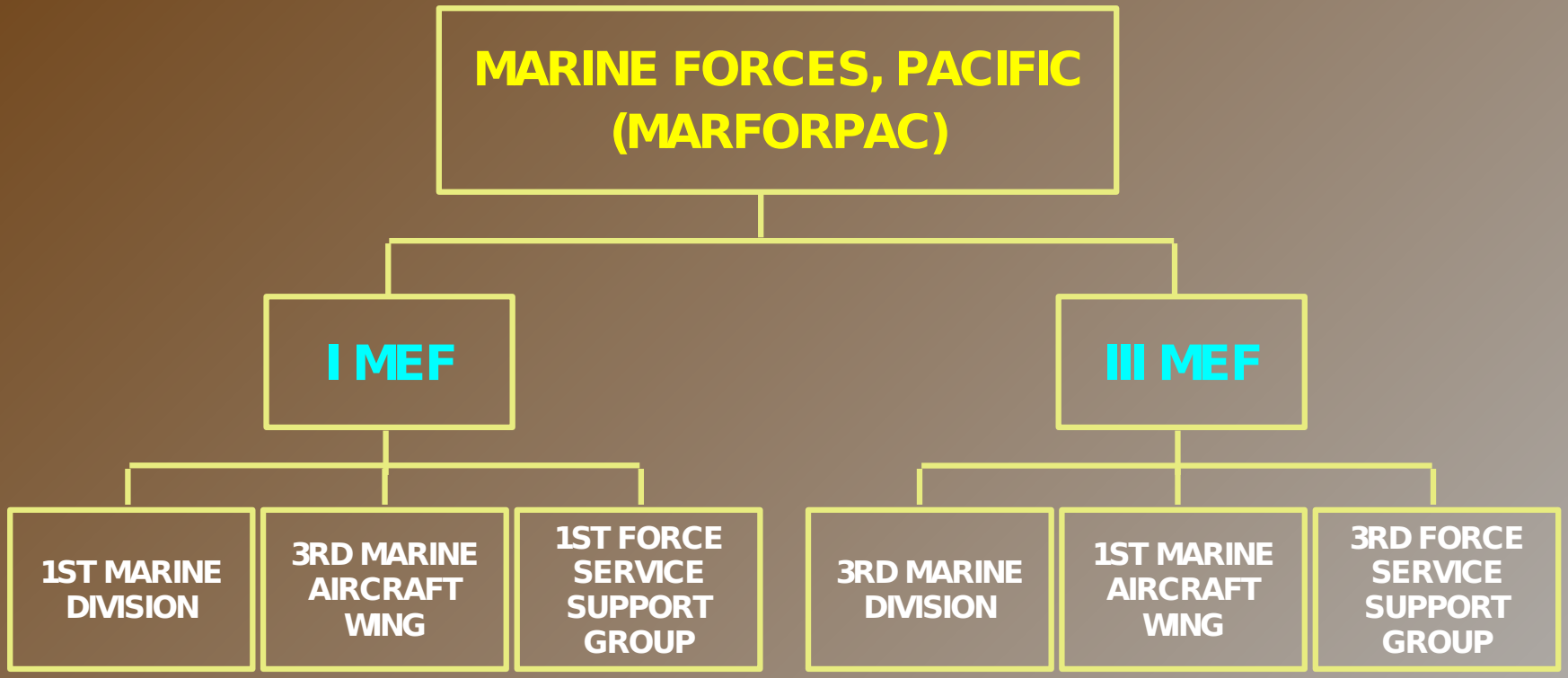

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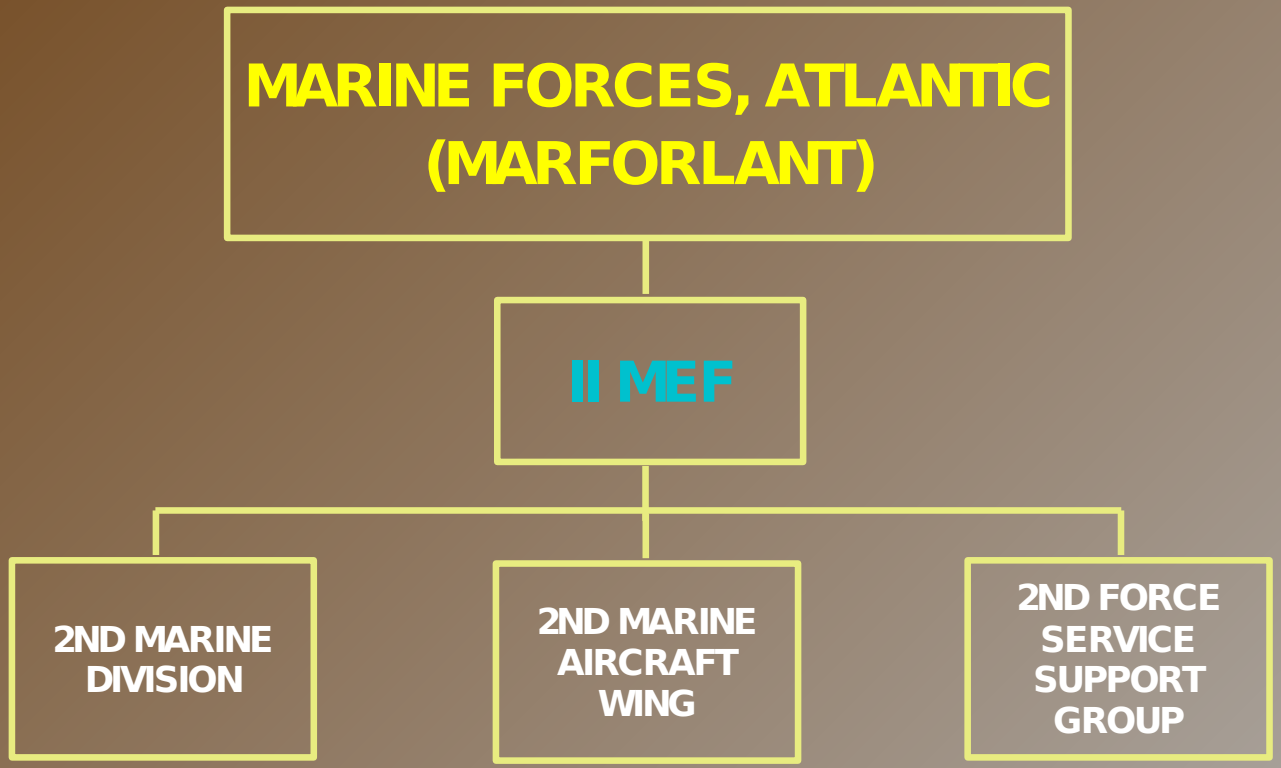
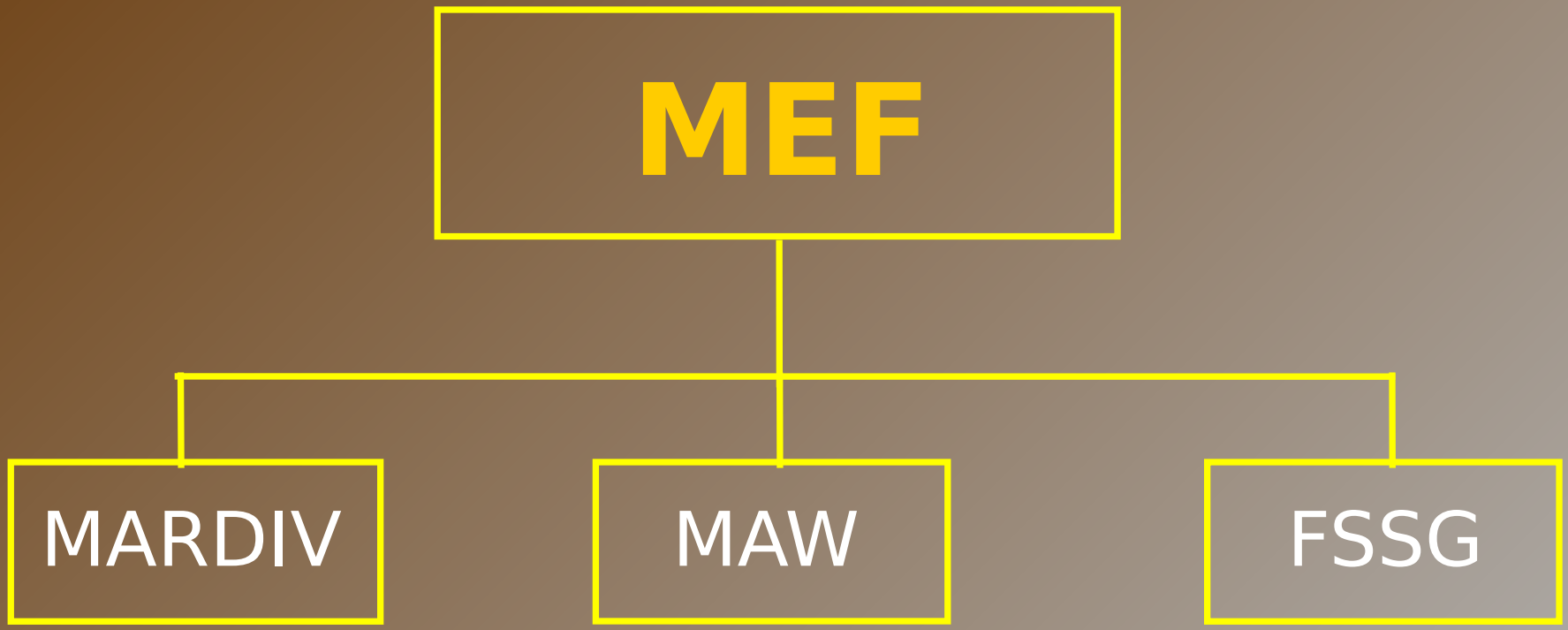


MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES

“BUILDING BLOCKS”

- Marine Division (MARDIV)
- Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW)
- Force Service Support Group (FSSG)

MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



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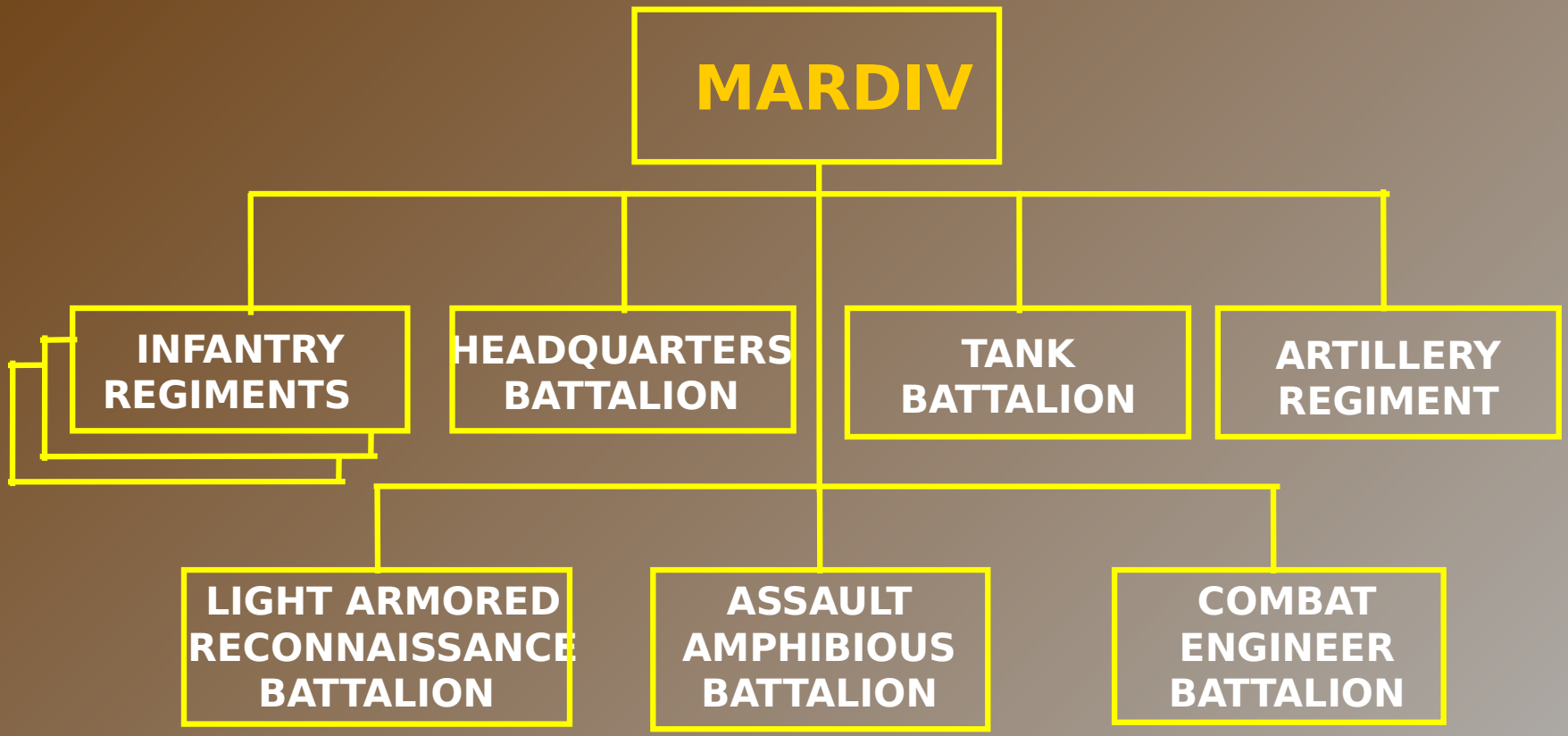

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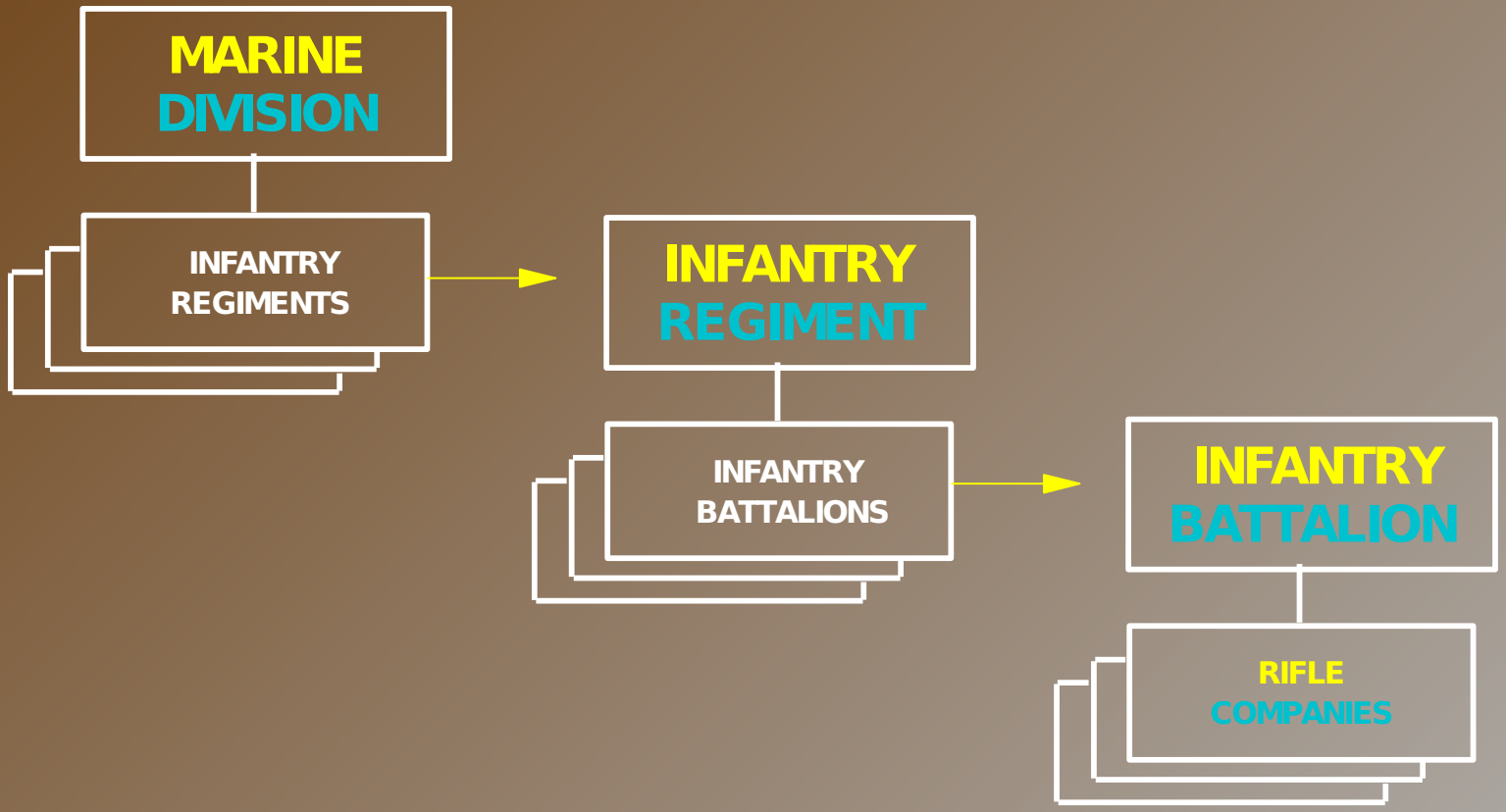


UNIT SIZE

UNIT	NO. OF PERSONNEL
DIVISION	10-18K
REGIMENT	3,000
BATTALION	900-1300
COMPANY	180-250
BATTERY	180
PLATOON	45
SQUAD	13
FIRE TEAM	4

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS APPROXIMATE!

MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

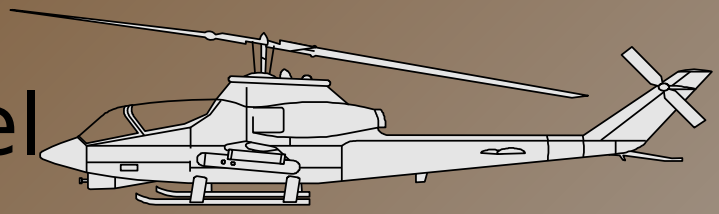
MAW

- **MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON**
- **MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP**
- **MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP**
- **MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP**

MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (MAW)

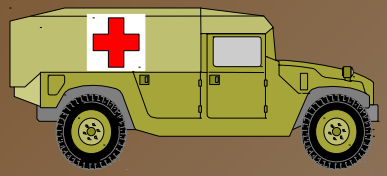
- Commanded by a Major Gene
- Three Active, One Reserve
- Comprised of:
  - Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron
  - Marine Air Control Group (MACG)
  - Marine Wing Support Group (MWSG)
  - Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron - 12 KC-130 Tankers (VMGR)
  - Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron - 10 EA-6B (VMAQ)
  - Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)

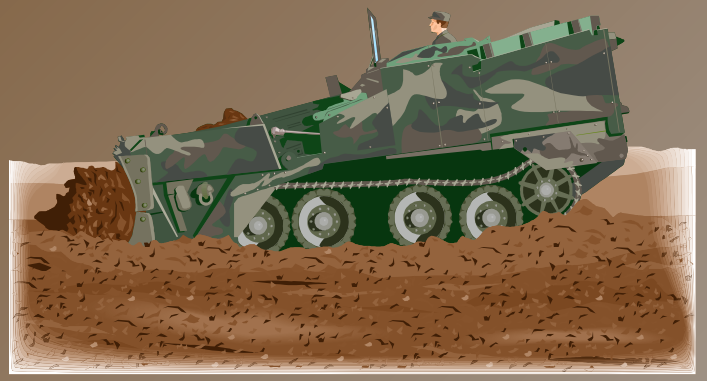
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP (MAG)



- Commanded by a Colonel
- Four MAGs per MAW
- Three Fixed Wing Groups (FW)
  - 48 F/A-18 A/C 36 F/A-18D (VMFA)
  - 60 AV-8B A/C (VMA)
- One Rotary Wing Group (RW)
  - 36 AH-1W Attack Helos (HML/A)
  - 18 UH-1N Atk/Utility Helos (HML/A)
  - 72 CH-46E Medium Trnsprt Helos (HMM)
  - 32 CH-53E Heavy Trnsprt Helos (HMH)

FORCE SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP





FSSG

- HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE BATTALION
- ENGINEERING SUPPORT BATTALION
- MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION
- LANDING SUPPORT BATTALION
- MAINTENANCE BATTALION
- SUPPLY BATTALION
- MEDICAL BATTALION
- DENTAL BATTALION

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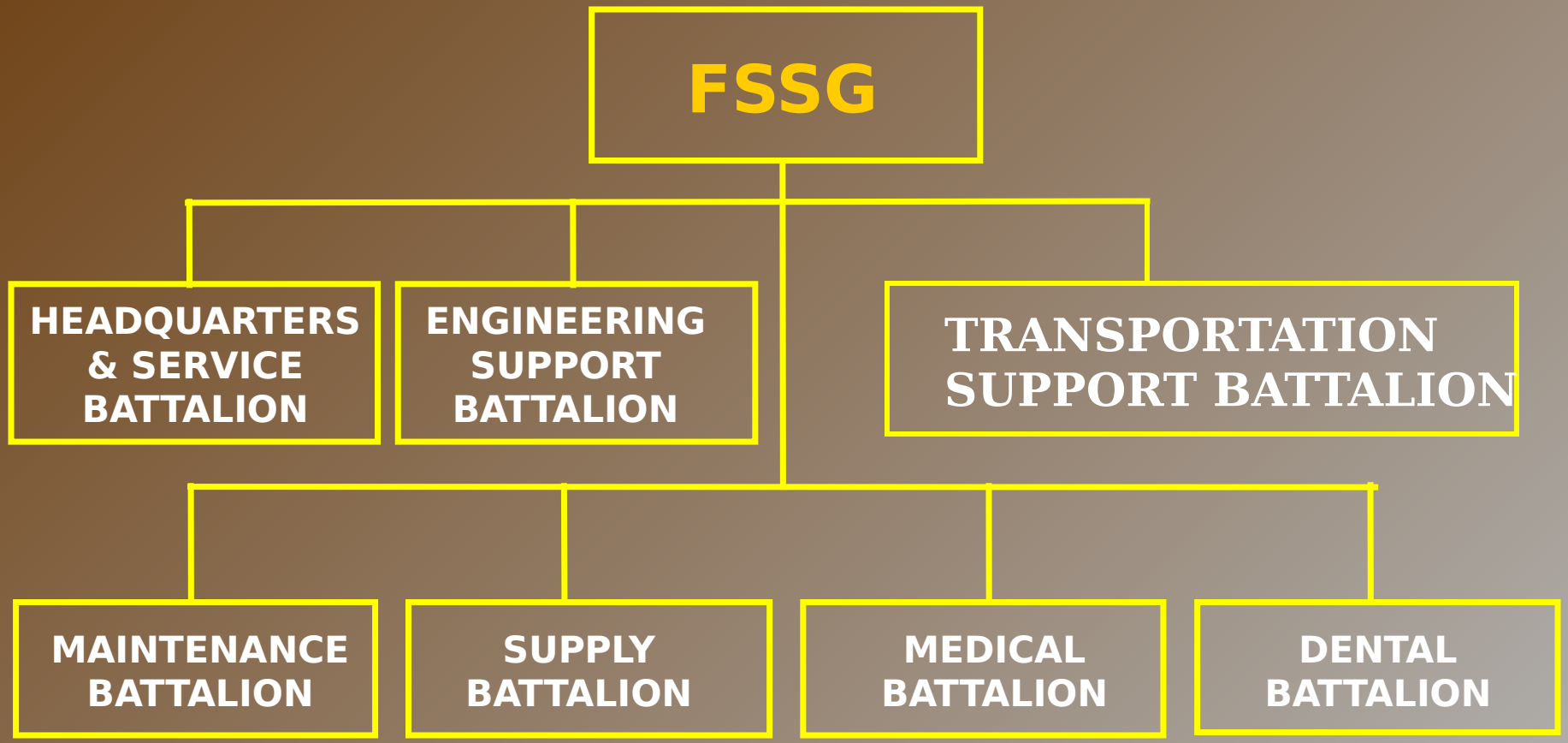
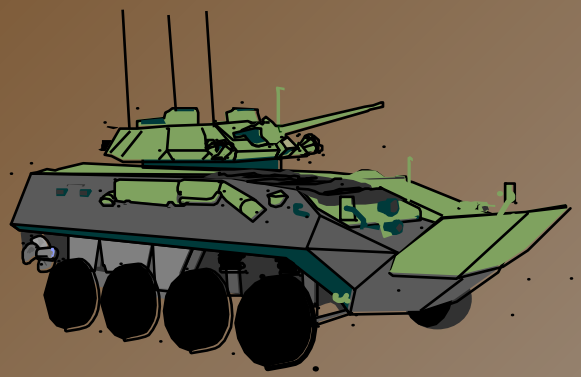
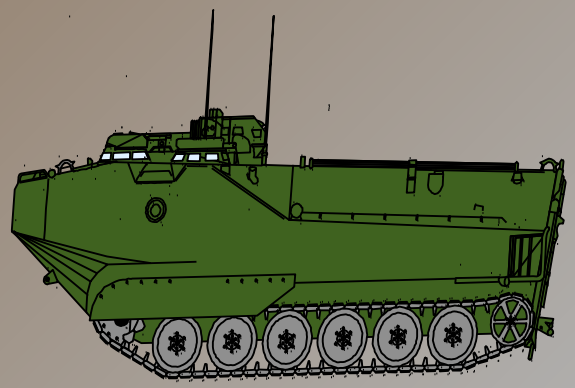


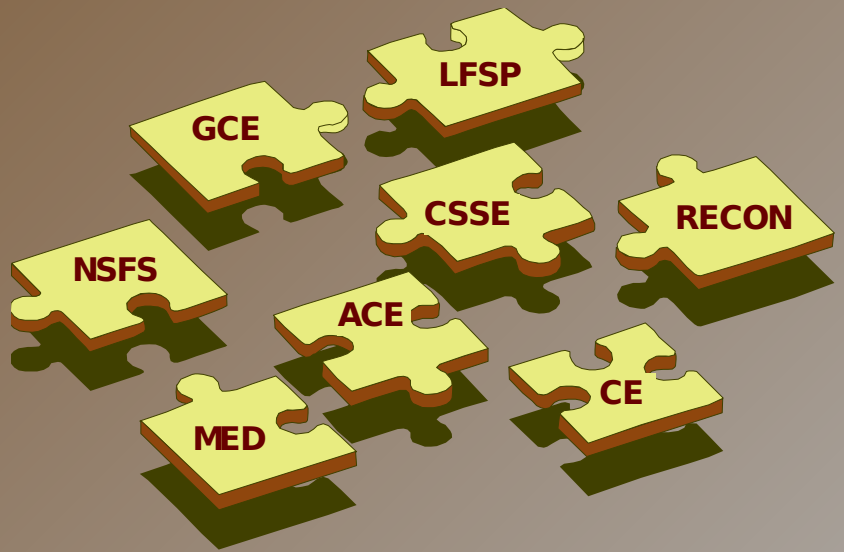
MAGTF
MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE





MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE

- how the Marine Corps is organized for combat operations.
- balanced, multipurpose, expeditionary, combined arms force.



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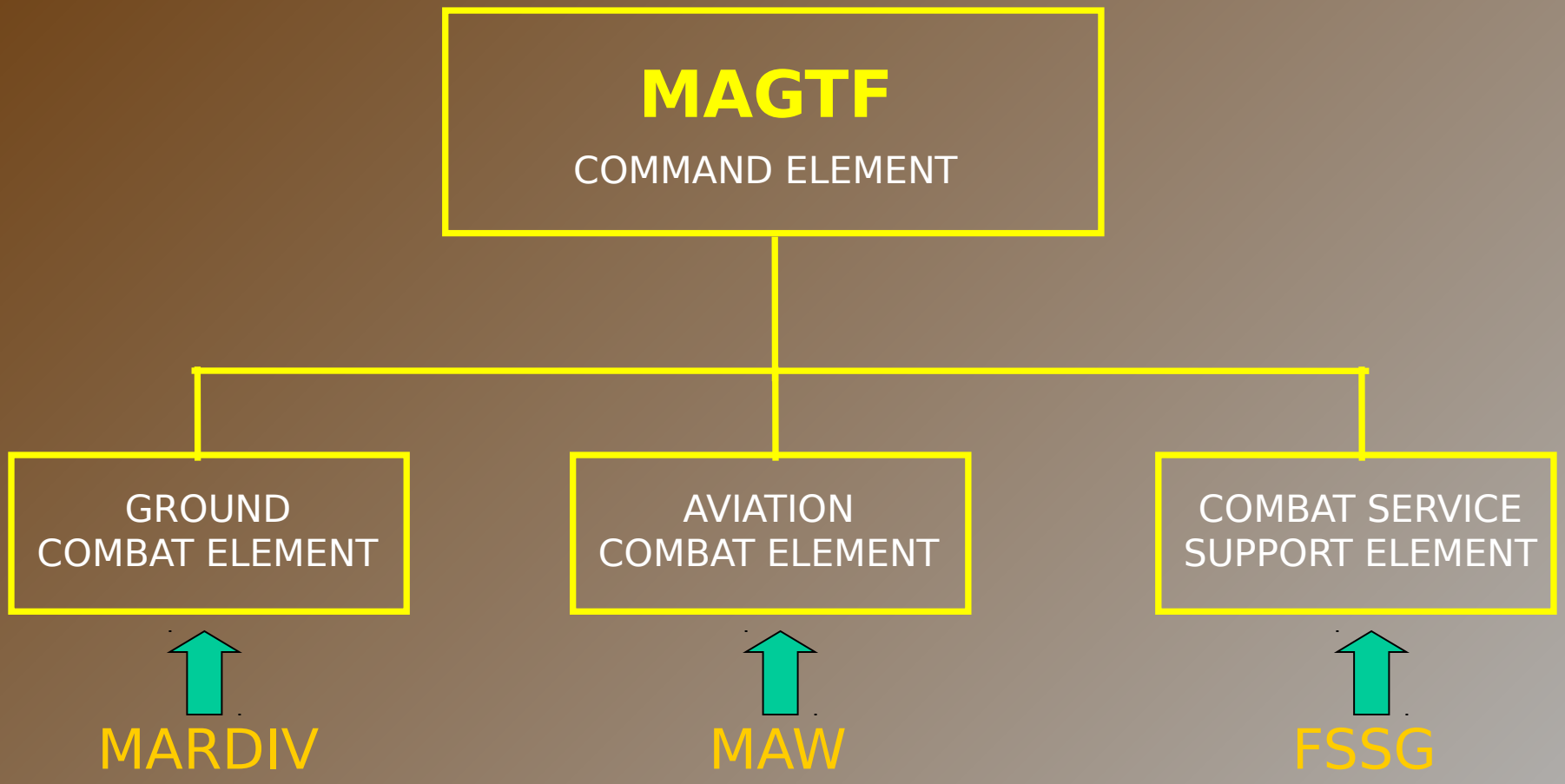

MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCES

- **MEF**
  (Marine Expeditionary Force)
- **MEB**
  (Marine Expeditionary Brigade)
- **MEU’s**
  (Marine Expeditionary Units)

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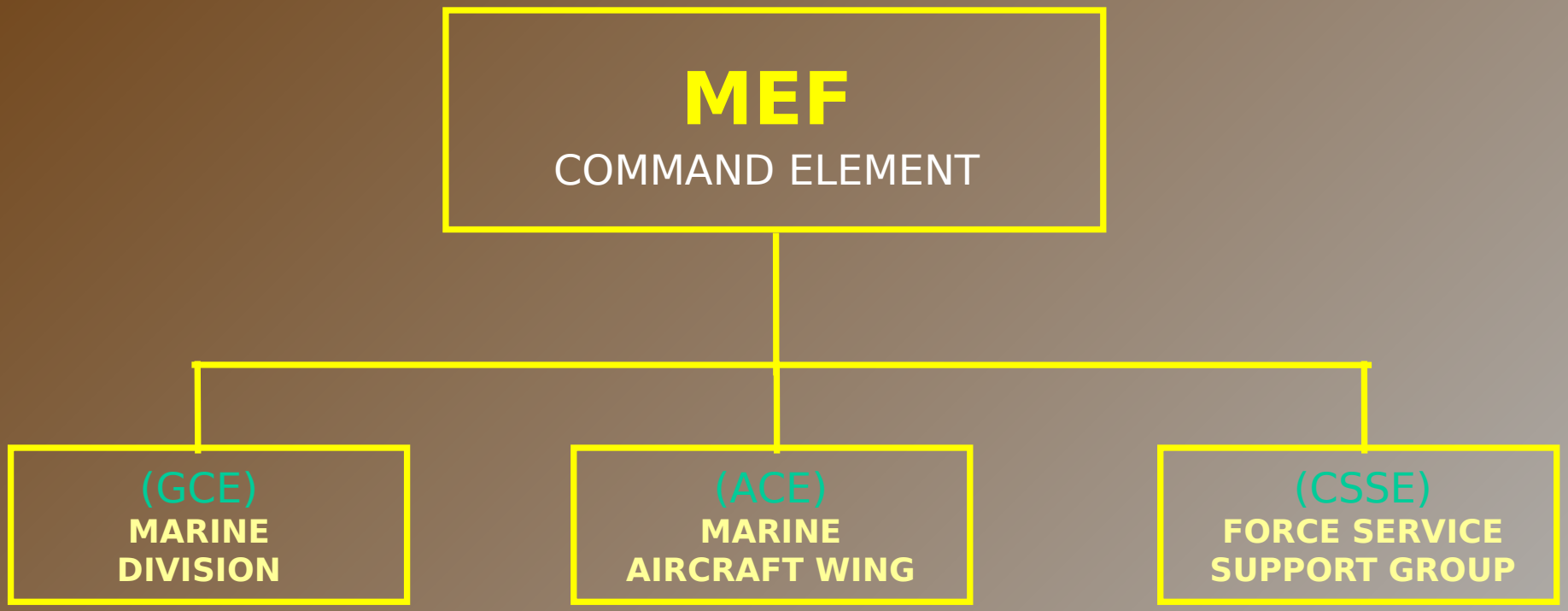

CHARACTERISTICS OF A MEF

- commanded by a Lieutenant General or Major General
- 30,000 to 50, 000 strong.
- for high, medium, and low intensity combat.
- 60 days supplies organic.
- MSC/civilian ships required to deploy.

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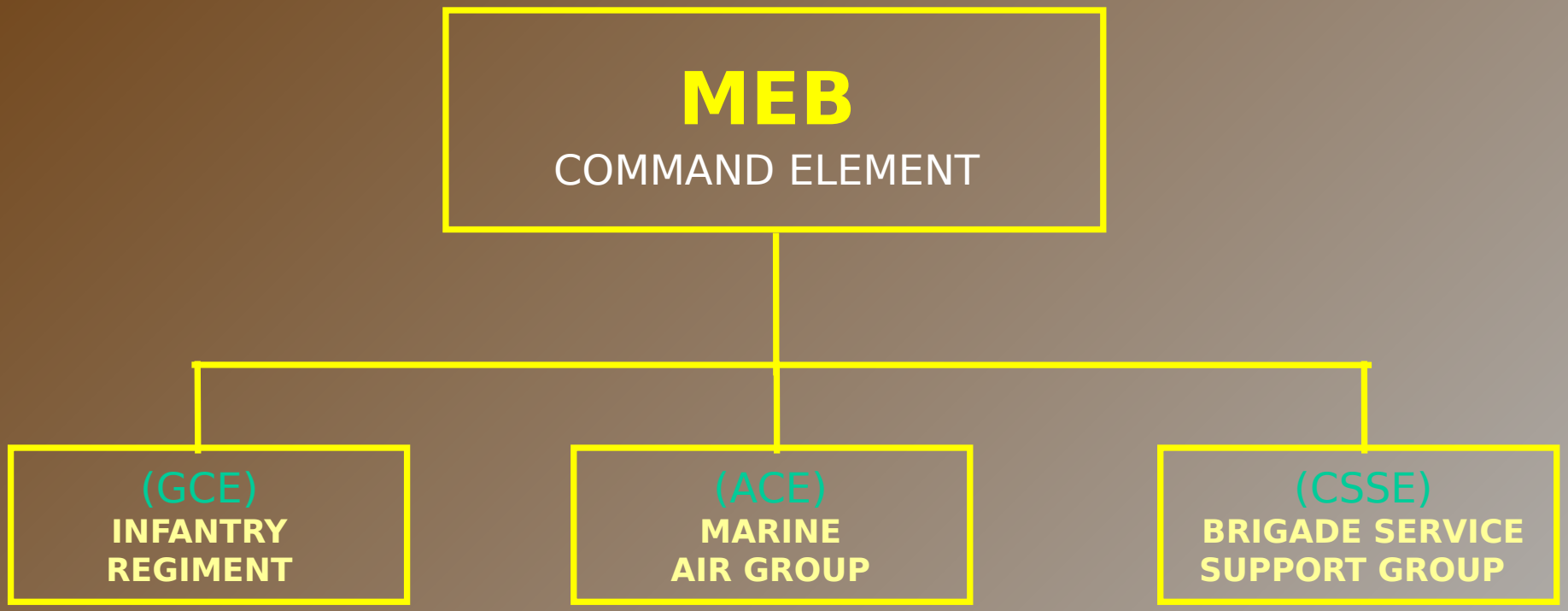

CHARACTERISTICS OF A MEB

- commanded by a Brigadier General.
- 16,500 strong.
- for medium and low intensity combat.
- 30 days supplies organic.
- MSC/civilian ships required to

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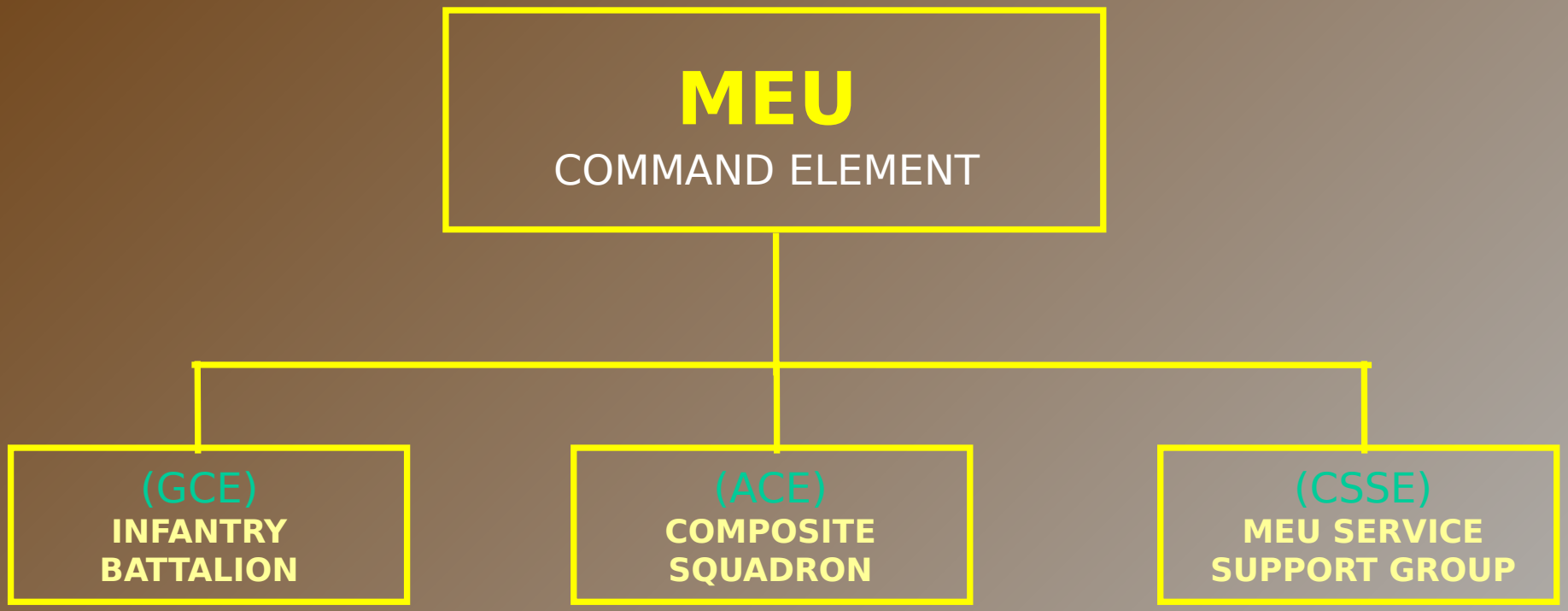


CHARACTERISTICS OF A MEU

- commanded by a Colonel.
- 2,000 strong.
- for low intensity combat.
- 15 days supplies organic.
- teamed with an PHIBRON or PHIBGRU (ARG).
- special operations capable (SOC).
- “911 force” - two MEU’s always forward deployed.

BATTALION LANDING TEAM

- INFANTRY BATTALION- (1300 Marines)
- ARTILLERY BATTERY- (6 Tubes)
- LAR PLATOON/COMPANY
- ASSAULT AMPHIB PLT- (13 TRACKS)
- ENGINEER PLATOON
- RECON PLATOON
- SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY
- TANK PLATOON ?

COMPOSITE SQUADRON

- 12 CH-46 SEA KNIGHT
- 4 CH-53E SEA STALLION
- 4 AH-1W COBRA
- 3-4 UH-1N HUEY
- 6 AV-8B HARRIERS
- Marine Air Control Group (MACG) Detachment
- STINGER Detachment

MSSG

- Commanded By A LtCol
- Comprised Of:
  - Headquarters Det
  - Motor Transport Det
  - Landing Support Det
  - Supply Det
  - Maintenance Det
  - Engineer Support Det
  - Health Service Support Det

MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCES

	COMMANDER	TROOP SIZE	COMBAT SUPPORT
MEF	MajGen LtGen	30,000-50,000	60-day suppor
MEB	BGen	16,500	30-day suppor
MEU	Colonel	2,000	15-day suppor

MEU(SOC) CAPABILITIES

DIRECT ACTION

- IHR
- SPECIALIZED DEMO OPS
- SIEZURE/RECOVERY OF OFFSHORE ENERGY FACILITIES (GOPLAT)
- TACTICAL RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT & PERSONNEL (TRAP)
- SEIZURE/RECOVERY OF SELECTED PERSONNEL AND/OR MATERIAL
- COUNTERPROLIFERATION OF WMD
- MIO/VBSS

OOTW

- PEACE OPERATIONS
- PEACEKEEPING
- PEACE ENFORCEMENT
- JOINT/COMBINED INSTRUCTION TEAMS
- HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE/DISASTER RELIEF
- SECURITY OPERATIONS
- NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATIONS (NEO)
- REINFORCEMENT O

MEU(SOC) CAPABILITIES (Cont.)

AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

- AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION
- AMPHIBIOUS RAID
- AMHIBIOUS ASSAULT
- AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL

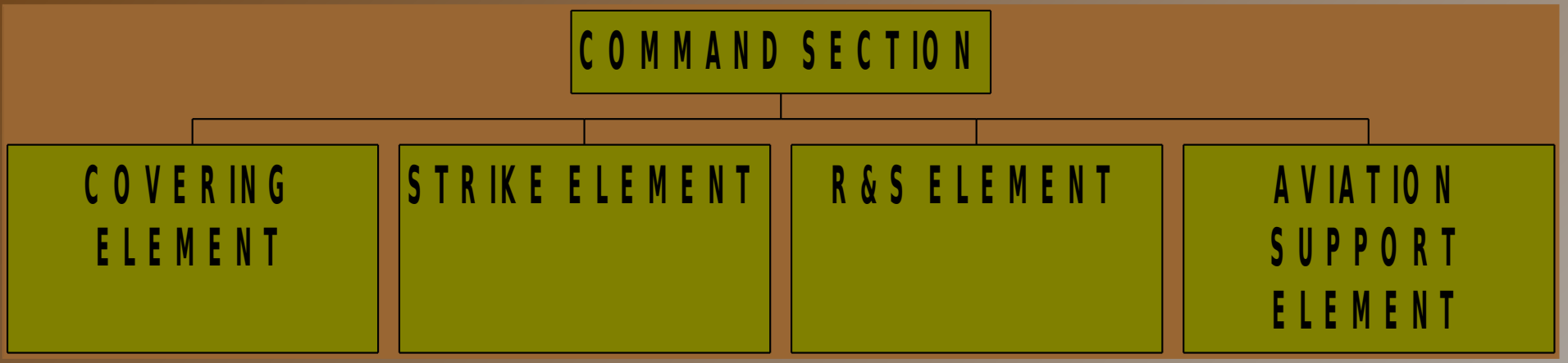
SUPPORTING OPS

- TACTICAL DECEPTION OPS
- ITG
- SIGINT/EW
- MOUT
- R&S
- FIRE SUPPORT PLANNING, COORDINATION & CONTROL IN A JOINT/COMBINED ENVIRONMENT
- COUNTER INTELLIGENCE
- AIRFIELD/PORT SIEZURE
- EAF OPS
- SHOW OF FORCE OPS
- JTF ENABLING FORCE OPS
- SNIPING OPERATIONS

MARITIME SPECIAL PURPOSE FORCE (MSPF)

- TASK ORGANIZED FROM MEU(SOC) ASSETS
  - COMPLEMENTS CONVENTIONAL NAVAL OPS
  - EXECUTES DIRECTED MARITIME SPECIAL MISSION OPS
- EMPHASIZES SURGICAL SKILLS NORMALLY NOT RESIDENT IN TRADITIONAL AMPHIBIOUS RAID COMPANY
- CONTROL REMAINS UNDER CONTROL OF MEU(SOC) COMMANDER

MARITIME SPECIAL PURPOSE FORCE (MSPF)- Cont.



SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF

- Small MAGTFs Organized To Accomplish Missions Not Appropriate For the MEF, MEB or MEU

- May Be Employed In:
  - Mobile Training Teams
  - Security Assistance Operations
  - Counternarcotic Operations
  - As Directed

QUESTIONS ?